

rentals or other compensation received for the erection, use or maintenance of billboards[,] or any other structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind or nature [whatsoever], upon real property, without OBTAINING FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION a license [having first been obtained from the State Roads Commission of Maryland] to engage in [such] THE [[business[, for which the said firm, person or corporation shall pay an annual license fee for the use of the State of \$200.00; provided, however, that a person, firm, or corporation maintaining not more than fifty billboards, signs, posters, or other structures for display advertising, shall pay an annual license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and that the licenses first issued under this section shall be dated June 1, 1931, and shall expire on the 30th day of April succeeding, and the charge therefor shall be \$183.25, unless the applicant engages in business in any month subsequent to June 1, 1931, when a ratable sum shall be charged. Thereafter, all licenses, shall be dated May 1st and shall expire the following April 30th and the full fee shall be charged therefor except when the applicant engages in the business in any other month subsequent to May 1st when such license shall be issued from such month and a ratable sum charged therefor].

(B) THE LICENSEE SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE, SET BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE PRO RATA COST OF REGULATING THE LICENSING OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING.]] BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE FIRM, PERSON, OR CORPORATION SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSING FEE FOR THE USE OF THE STATE OF \$350.00; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION MAINTAINING NOT MORE THAN FIFTY BILLBOARDS, SIGNS, POSTERS, OR OTHER STRUCTURES FOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING, SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (100.00).

[[(C)]](B) (1) THE FULL FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE, WHICH SHALL BE DATED MAY 1 AND EXPIRE ON APRIL 30 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. HOWEVER, IF AN APPLICANT APPLIES FOR A LICENSE AFTER THE MONTH OF MAY, THE LICENSE ISSUED SHALL BE DATED FROM THE MONTH OF ISSUANCE AND A RATABLE FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR IT.

(2) EACH RENEWAL LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED ON MAY 1 AND EXPIRE ON APRIL 30 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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(A) [Every] EACH person, firm or corporation [hereafter] desiring to erect or maintain billboards or other similar structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind [whatsoever,] outside [of] the corporate limits of any city, town or village[,] and within [five hundred (500)] 500 feet of a public highway of the State [of Maryland,] shall file with the State [Roads Commission the following information, data and plats concerning and explaining the proposed location of